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Amended Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Room 230**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2007
9:56 a.m. – 11:04 a.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Collins (WSP), David Heinle (CapPol), Amy Smith (DNR), and Dave Steingraber (OJA).

Members absent or excused: Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Jim Warren (DCI), and Judy Ziewacz (DATCP).

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS), Dan Blackdeer (CapPol), Greg Engle (OJA), Steve Peterson (WEM), Ed Wall (DCI), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Others present: Colonel (P) Donald Dunbar (DMA), Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff), Kyle Whitaker (DMA staff), Colonel Scott Legwold (DMA), Major June Dykstra (DMA), Mark Ormsby (FBI - Milwaukee), Ed Gleason (DHS Protective Security Advisor - Wisconsin), Ed Rooney (DHS/TSA), Bryan Mills (DHS/TSA), Paul Wolfe (WSP), Richard Ruminski (FBI - Milwaukee), MSG Damien Schuerman (DMA), Captain Jamie Makowski (DMA), Jeff Anderson (U.S. Attorney's Office – Western District), Vince Williams (Representative Ballweg's Office), and Eric Nelson (DATCP). Ken Kortenhof, Ben Schliesman, and Neil Cameron were present via conference call.

Quorum present.

9:56 a.m. – Convene in open session.

After convening in open session, the Council took a short break.

10:03 a.m. – Re-convene in open session.

6. Introduction of new Homeland Security Advisor, Colonel Donald Dunbar.

Colonel Dunbar was briefly introduced to those present at the meeting.



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7. Announcements of Closed Session discussion/action.

Chair Wilkening announced that each agency provided its classified intelligence report. There was a strategic discussion on state power grid exercise, a NORTHCOM briefing by Colonel Scott Legwold, discussion of recent reports in the media regarding increased vigilance requirements and cell tracking technology,

8. Review and approval of June 20, 2007 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Dave Steingraber and seconded by Amy Smith to approve the open session meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

9. First Responder and Agency reports.

- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): 1) We participated in the SONS 07 exercise, which included many state agencies. It went smoothly. I just received draft copy of the after-action report, but have not had a chance to read it yet. We learned a few lessons on the first day of the exercise. 2) Kenosha County is looking to build a new EOC that will be three times the size of our current EOC. This measure is finally going to the county board this month. We hope it will be passed. 3) On Monday, we will sign a 2-year contract with the Sheraton in Madison to host the WEMA Conference. This year's conference will be the last week of October. We will have 3 general sessions and 10 breakout sessions at this year's conference. We also expect it to be the largest WEMA conference of recent years. WEM will hold their annual meeting the following day after the conference ends.
- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Korten Hof): Following the recent storms in our area, county emergency management coordinators are concerned about backing up and supporting each other in our region. We put together a mutual aid agreement for the northeastern part of the state. A work group put the draft together and Shawano County is now set to review it. I have heard that Ms. Milsap is involved in this project – is this correct?
 - DMA (Randi Milsap): Not so far. I would be happy to review the mutual aid agreement and help if possible.



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- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): I think this mutual aid agreement would be a benefit to every single county out there. Maybe it can be a model for all 72 counties in Wisconsin.
- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Kortenhof): The agreement is written very generically so it can be adapted to other regions. It will be a work in progress. Other than that, we have numerous projects we are working on – updating infrastructure and improving interoperability.
- Regional Response Team Network (Neil Cameron): We are working with the HazMat teams. Some of the regional teams will be losing mobile satellite internet access. The contracts through OJA/DHS have expired. Appleton is not renewing this contract because we do not have the funding to do so. I imagine some other teams have the same problem
 - Chair Wilkening: How much does it cost?
 - Regional Response Team Network (Neil Cameron): It costs \$150 – 200 per month to maintain the service. Our expectation may have been different from what the service could provide. We did have some challenges receiving effective support. Not all the contracts have expired yet. The regional response teams are going to be looking for funding strategies for the next budget cycle. Many regional response teams are also involved with the urban search and rescue task forces. I see that topic is slated for later in the meeting.
- Chair Wilkening: I want to mention that I did introduce Colonel Donald Dunbar earlier in the meeting. I hope you will get a chance to meet him during his travels around the state and during his time in Madison.

10. Briefing by DATCP on the recent pet food recall.

- Presentation by Eric Nelson, DATCP. The recent pet food recalls were not the result of an intentional act by the pet food and animal feed industry. This was a foreshadowing of food industry mistakes with overwhelming consequences. Menu Foods is a major company and one of the top three manufacturers of pet food and animal feed in the world.



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Menu Foods distributes feed to many private labels involving all spectrums of pet food, from expensive to inexpensive brands. There were 200 different product lines and 1.5 million items on the shelves at the time of the recall. This was the largest recall in FDA history and it resulted in a loss of consumer confidence. Melamine was identified as a contaminate in wheat gluten. Generally, the nature of melamine is not overly toxic. To further complicate matters, a common practice in the pet food industry is to sell rejected pet food to the animal feed industry. As a secondary event, swine and poultry received this contaminated feed as well as state and federal fish hatcheries that received the contaminated wheat gluten in aquaculture feeds. This affected and disrupted commerce. DATCP did recall audits at local establishments to verify that contaminated pet food had been taken off shelves. We had a very good response. A positive result of this incident was that methodology was adopted and developed to investigate this type of contamination. The bottom line was that this was not an act of terror but the deliberate and fraudulent adulteration of pet food for profit.

- DHFS (Tom Anderson): China executed the equivalent of their FDA Chief following this problem. It's interesting that this has all come down to money.
- DATCP (Eric Nelson): It is a foreshadowing of our food industry, and its consolidation.

11. Update on the revision of 28 CFR.

- OJA (Dave Steingraber): There is nothing new to report.
 - DCI (Ed Wall): My guess is they will tinker with it a little bit, but not too much.

12. Discussion on course of action for urban search and rescue task force teams.

- DMA (Randi Milsap): I met with Representatives Ballweg and Parisi and others on this initiative. We are still missing two pieces on this legislation – the financial component for sustainability and the law enforcement piece. I don't think we have a good handle on this right now, but the legislators are sympathetic.

10:39 a.m. – David Heinle departs.



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- OJA (Dave Steingraber): This initiative will go forward at this point as a no cost item. The sustainability component would have to go in as a separate piece of legislation
 - Representative Ballweg's Office (Vince Williams): Representative Ballweg is supportive. Now that the budget is complete, we will have a bit more time to address this issue. As Dave mentioned, sustainability is the big issue right now.
- OJA (Dave Steingraber): As for the law enforcement piece, my guess is they do not want to move forward with something generic at this point. If I were in the legislature, I wouldn't want to move forward without knowing the long-term sustainability cost.
- WSP (David Collins): What specifically are they encompassing with the funding challenges?
 - Regional Response Teams Network (Neil Cameron): There are a number of issues such as personnel costs (low frequency/high risk jobs), group and individual training, overtime, anticipation of worker turnover, equipment maintenance, and capital (vehicles). The message from the local perspective is that it's going to be difficult to commit this as a statewide resource if the funding piece is not in place.
 - DMA (Randi Milsap): There will be more to follow, but momentum is starting to build with regard to this legislation.

13. Update on the debut of the new WI Homeland Security Council website.

- DMA (Kyle Whitaker): The website is up. All components seem to be working well. We only have the capability to monitor traffic on the secondary website "Ask the State Homeland Security Advisor". So far we have received hundreds of hits. My guess is that we have had thousands of hits on the primary website as well.
- CapPol (David Heinle): There is a meeting scheduled with the Department of Enterprise Technology to discuss using text message technology within state government.



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14. Coordination of federal funding.

- OJA (Dave Steingraber): We have four planning/listening sessions scheduled in Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton, and Eau Claire. These sessions are very good outreach. 2) We anticipated learning, by this point, our homeland security allocation for this fiscal year. It was delayed. I hope to hear by middle of next week. I never take that to be a good sign. 3) One of our obligations is to complete a state preparedness report.
 - OJA (Greg Engle): We don't yet know whether a visit will follow on this matter.
 - DCI (Ed Wall): The Department of Homeland Security will be coming out to check in on our preparedness in the next few months.

15. Other business.

- WEM (Steve Peterson): Regarding federal funding, we sent out the first half of EMPG monies from last year. We have not yet seen guidance on the supplemental 2007 dollars. It would go a long way to make the counties healthy.
- Chair Wilkening: Anything from the TSA?
 - TSA (Ed Rooney): In response to the bombings in London and Glasgow, we have stepped up security at all airports, including random vehicle searches at Category 1 airports. We are back to normal posture at this point. We made other recommendations about low cost, permanent changes to airports to prevent similar incidents in US.
 - Chair Wilkening: Are you satisfied with the speed in which alerts come out?
 - TSA (Ed Rooney): Yes, they come pretty quickly. Until the second bombs turned up, we did not know what to make of it. It is easier to ramp up an airport like Milwaukee (because it shuts down over night) than it would be to secure a place like O'Hare.



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- Chair Wilkening presented a Meritorious Commendation Medal to Kyle Whitaker for his support of the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council.
- Ben Schliesman: Going back to state assessment reports, will information be required from all counties?
 - OJA (Greg Engle): No, we will not need to push out a template to all the counties.
- WSP (David Collins): Jeff Western would like to make a presentation at the next Council meeting on 511.

16. Set date, time, and place of next meeting.

There being no other business, the next meeting will be held on August 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Volk Field. General Wilkening will look into having UH-60 helicopter transport available. Lodging will be available for those arriving the night before.

- Ben Schliesman: Will that meeting be open to first responders?
 - Chair Wilkening: Yes.

17. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Dave Steingraber and seconded by Ed Wall to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

11:04 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.